



**Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Police Department**  
**"South Precinct's Community Bulletin"**  
**March, 2007**

**South Precinct's Patrol Officer of the Month  
February, 2007**



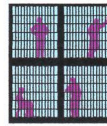
On February 9th at 1345 hrs, a burglary in progress call was dispatched at a residence on Cherrywood Drive. Officer Tomlin heard the call go out and even though it wasn't in his district, responded to the location. When Officer Tomlin arrived, he discovered a vehicle left running and abandoned in the driveway. Officer Tomlin also discov-

ered several windows broken to the rear of the residence. Officer Tomlin was able to secure the location until other units arrived. When backup arrived, an announcement was made and suspect surrendered. The suspect was charged with this burglary, tied to four other burglaries, and various charges for possession of drugs.

Due to Officer Tomlin's quick thinking and response, a home burglar was apprehended in the act. Based on this South Precinct is proud to present the Officer of the Month Award for February, 2007 to Officer Dale Tomlin.

South Precinct Telephone Numbers

Main Office number (weekdays 8a-4p)	862-7744
Community Coordinator Sgt.	880-3182
Fax number	880-3047
Information Desk	880-3171
County Clerk's Office (M-F 9a-5p)	862-6050
Investigations Unit (weekdays 8a-4p)	862-7763



**Teenage Crime Spree Apprehended**

Outstanding police work led to the arrest of six teenagers who are suspected in a number of vehicle thefts, vehicle break-ins and robberies.

The events began to unfold around 10 p.m. when South Flex Officer Neil Wolfe spotted a stolen 1997 Plymouth Voyager van parked at a convenience market on Haywood Lane near Antioch Pike. Wolfe called for backup. Officers moved in and arrested the two teens who arrived in the van. They are ages 15 and 16.

During questioning of the suspects, Officer Wolfe learned of other teens who were alleged to be involved in auto thefts and other illegal activity. In fact, Wolfe was told of a group who planned to commit armed robberies in the area with a BB gun during the overnight hours. That group was to pickup the two teens from the stolen van at a nearby bowling alley.

South Precinct officers and detectives, along with members of the police department's Auto Theft Unit, began watching the bowling alley parking lot. They soon saw a Geo Prism, which turned out to be stolen, pull through the lot and leave at a high rate of speed. The officers followed the car to a dead end off Apache Trail. The four teens inside bailed out and tried to flee. Two of them, a 15-year-old and a 16-year-old, were immediately caught. The two others, who are ages 16 and 14, were chased to a home on Panamint Drive where they climbed through a window. The two boys pretended to be asleep when officers entered the residence. Located inside the home was a backpack containing a number of satellite radio receivers, latex gloves, and cell phones. Inside the Geo Prism was a BB pistol that closely resembled a .44-caliber Desert Eagle pistol. The teens were charged with a variety of offenses, the most serious, for now, being auto theft. The investigation into their activities is continuing.



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Community Coordinator on page 4



# Let's Take A Bite Out Of Crime



## Citizen Police Academy Is Accepting Applications

### Participant Application

- \* Available to citizens who reside or are employed in Davidson County \*
- Relatives of Metro Nashville Police Officers are not eligible
- Two members of the same family may not attend at the same time
- Persons seeking employment as an officer are not eligible

Each applicant should commit to attending at least 10 of the twelve sessions, be at least 21 years old and have no arrest record, excluding minor traffic violations.

The application deadline for Session 20 is May 18, 2007.

The Metropolitan Police Department's Citizen Police Academy will soon begin its 20th session and cordially invites Nashvillians interested in better understanding their police department to apply for the twelve-week course that begins May 29, 2007.

Participants in the Citizen Police Academy will learn about the intricacies of police work through the perspective of a variety of guest speakers, including members of the police department's various specialized components.

### Applications accepted

- April 12 - May 18, 2007

### Session begins

- May 29, 2007

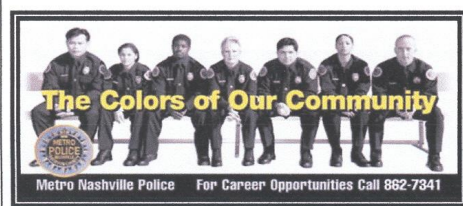
Classes begin promptly at 6:00 PM and conclude at 9:00 PM in the community room of the Hermitage Precinct, 3701 James Kay Lane, Hermitage, Tennessee.

The program offers four electives that are available to participants of this session

- Ride Along with A Police Officer
- Emergency Communications Tour (911 Center)

- Be a Guest in Judge Ruben's Court
- Basic Firearm Instruction

Applications can be completed and submitted on the Internet. Applications can also be picked up at any one of the police department's six precinct stations. Persons desiring an application by mail or fax can call 862-7811.



The following statistics represent the dedication and hard work of the officers of the South Precinct.

Year to Date stats:	YTD	Previous YTD	% Change
Felony Arrests	544	465	17%
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,407	951	48%
Citation Arrests	1,994	1,713	16%
Drug Equipment Arrests	371	253	46%
Narcotic Violations	426	437	-2%
Weapon Violations	32	71	-55%
Traffic Violations	6,076	8,571	-29%
Per. Injury Accidents	372	392	-5%
Total Accidents	1,457	1,634	-12%

Source: Compstat Report ending 3/31/2007





# Park Smart!

## STATISTICS PAGE



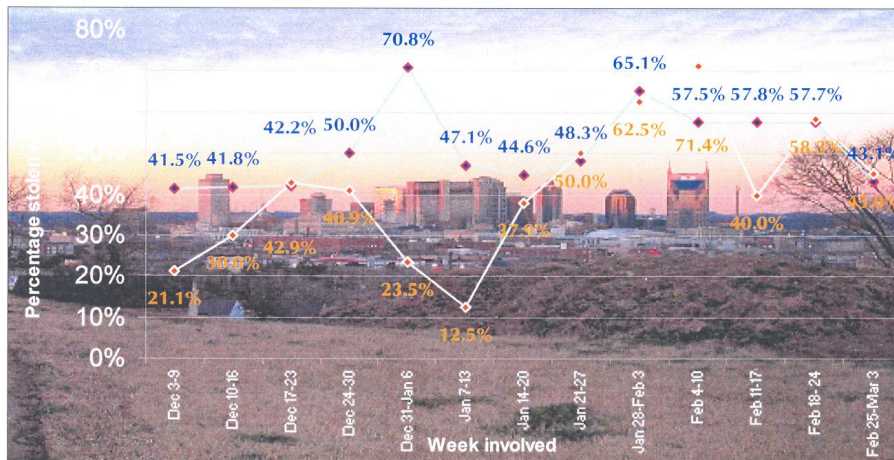
	Countywide*	South*
Dec 3-9	41.5%	21.1%
Dec 10-16	41.8%	30.0%
Dec 17-23	42.2%	42.9%
Dec 24-30	50.0%	40.9%
Dec 31-Jan 6	70.8%	23.5%
Jan 7-13	47.1%	12.5%
Jan 14-20	44.6%	37.9%
Jan 21-27	48.3%	50.0%
Jan 28-Feb 3	65.1%	62.5%
Feb 4-10	57.5%	71.4%
Feb 11-17	57.8%	40.0%
Feb 18-24	57.7%	58.3%
Feb 25-Mar 3	43.1%	45.0%

Percentage reflects the number of vehicles stolen with keys / total number of vehicles stolen for the time period shown. The South figures reflects vehicles stolen with key in the South precinct/total number of vehicles stolen in the South Precinct.

*Tennessee Motor Vehicle Laws Annotated*  
55-8-162

### Unattended Motor Vehicle.

a) No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, and effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb side of the highway.



Countywide  
South

# Operation Safer Streets

At least once a week, officers and supervisors representing each of the six police precincts and the Specialized Investigations Division (SID) partner together to implement strategies to combat gang crimes and activities in various parts of Nashville. As of March 12, 2007, The Metropolitan Police Department's Operation Safer Streets gang enforcement initiative has now netted 915 arrests involving 1014 misdemeanor charges, 183 felony charges, and 340 outstanding warrants.

## **March 12, 2007**

Operation Safer Streets gang enforcement initiative, which took place Friday and Saturday resulted in 38 arrests involving one felony, 45 misdemeanors, and four outstanding warrants. Seizures included 19.4 grams of marijuana, one Ecstasy pill, six Vicodin pills, and three Lortab pills.; Friday's enforcement consisted of seven SID detectives and six patrol officers. Saturday's enforcement consisted of six SID detectives and three patrol officers.

## **March 5, 2007**

Operation Safer Streets gang enforcement initiative, which took place Friday and Saturday resulted in 38 arrests involving nine felonies, 43 misdemeanors, and 21 outstanding warrants. Seizures included 2.7 grams of marijuana, 66.7 grams of cocaine, 36 Ecstasy pills, five various Schedule II pills, and two weapons. Friday's enforcement consisted of five SID detectives and three patrol officers. Saturday's enforcement consisted of nine SID detectives and seven patrol officers.

## **February 26, 2007**

Operation Safer Streets gang enforcement initiative, which took place Friday and Saturday resulted in 47 arrests involving six felonies, 58 misdemeanors, and eight outstanding warrants. Seizures included 27.9 grams of marijuana, 5.3 grams of cocaine, one weapon, and \$95.00 cash. Friday's enforcement consisted of 12 SID detectives and seven patrol officers. Saturday's enforcement consisted of eight SID detectives and nine patrol officers.

## **February 19, 2007**

Last weekend's Operation Safer Streets gang enforcement initiative, which took place Friday afternoon/evening resulted in four arrests involving four misdemeanors and one outstanding warrant. Friday's enforcement consisted of seven SID detectives and five patrol officers.

## **February 12, 2007**

Operation Safer Streets gang enforcement initiative, which took place Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday night, resulted in 22 arrests involving three felonies, 27 misdemeanors, and three outstanding warrants. Seizures included 3.5 grams of marijuana, 7.6 grams of cocaine, one Ecstasy pill, two vehicles, and one weapon. Friday's enforcement consisted of 13 SID detectives and six patrol officers. Saturday night's enforcement consisted of seven SID detectives and eight patrol officers.

## Sgt. Chris Warner Is South's New Community Coordinator



Sgt Chris West briefs Sgt Warner on his new assignment. Sgt West requested to return to the midnight shift for family reasons.

Sgt. Chris Warner is South's new Community Coordinator, replacing Sgt Chris West whom held the position for about 4 years.

Sgt. Warner was born and raised in the Crieve Hall area and has been on the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department since 1994. As an officer, he worked on the South C-detail, then a K-9 officer for four years. In 2005, he was promoted and worked South & Hermitage precincts.

"I'm just thrilled to return to South, and serve the community that raised me!" said Sgt. Warner

Sgt Warner is the fourth coordinator for the South Precinct, and the third named "Chris".

Sgt Warner is married and has one son.



# NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

## Crime Prevention Tip for March

### Social Networking Websites

You've probably heard the names – [MySpace.com](http://MySpace.com), [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com), [Xanga.com](http://Xanga.com).

These are some of the top social networking websites, that have become an online craze for teens and for many adults. You've probably also heard some stories about how pedophiles are surfing these pages for their next targets, or how teens are having their identities stolen after posting too much information online. The good news is that young people can protect themselves and their personal information easily, if they know how.

- Explain that online information and images can live forever. It can be very hard and sometimes impossible to take down information that is posted, and photos and information may already have been copied and posted elsewhere.
- Tell your children not to post any identifying information online. This includes their cell phone number, address, hometown, school name, and anything else that a stranger could use to locate them.
- Explain that anyone in the world can access what they post online. Tell your children that some college admissions boards and employers are checking social networking sites before they admit students or hire people.
- Remind your children never to give out their passwords to anyone but you – not even their friends. Explain that if someone has their password, they could post embarrassing and unsafe information about them on their personal pages and even pose as your children to talk to other people.
- Make sure that children understand that some people they meet online may not be who they say they are. Explain that on the Internet many people are not truthful about their identity and may even pretend to be someone else. It's important to stress that young people should never meet people face-to-face that they met online.



### Protect them from dangers.

- Most social networking websites require that young people be at least 13-years old, and sometimes even 18, to create an account. Don't let younger children pretend to be older to use these websites.
- MySpace and some other social networking websites let users set their profiles to private so that only their friends – usually defined as people that know their full name or email address – can contact them. Make sure younger teens' profiles are set to private.
- Go online with your children and have them show you all of their personal profiles. Ask to see some of their friends' profiles too. If they have a blog or share photos online, ask to see them too.

Treat your children's online activities like you do their offline ones. Ask questions about what they do, who their friends are, and if they have made any new friends.

- Set clear rules that you can all agree on regarding what your children are allowed to do online. Make sure you decide if your children are allowed to post photos of themselves and open accounts without your permission.

### How you can help them.

- Have your children tell you if they ever see anything online that makes them uncomfortable. Make sure they understand that you won't blame them.
- Ask them to come to you if anything happens online that hurts or scares them. Tell them that you won't punish them by banning them from the Internet – this is a big reason why many kids don't talk to their parents about their online problems.
- Report any cases of possible child sexual exploitation, no matter how small, to the [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) website.

For more information on internet safety go to the National Crime Prevention Council's website at [http://www.ncpc.org/parents/Internet\\_Safety.php](http://www.ncpc.org/parents/Internet_Safety.php)